

GREATER LAFAYETTE AREA TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT STUDY

TECHNICAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2009

Jon Fricker	JTRP
Sallie Fahey	Area Plan Commission
Bob Foley (proxy until Jennifer Bonner arrived)	Lafayette City Engineer's Office
Jennifer Bonner	Lafayette City Engineer
Randy Walter	INDOT – Crawfordsville Division
Mark Albers	INDOT – Crawfordsville Division
Opal Kuhl	Tippecanoe County Highway Director
Sgt. Max Smith	Lafayette Police Department
Dave Buck	West Lafayette City Engineer
John Connell (proxy for Marty Sennett)	CityBus

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom VanHorn	Community Development/Redevelopment Dept.
Terri Griffin	INDOT
Larry Heil	FHWA

ALSO PRESENT

Bob Foley	Lafayette City Engineer's Office
Jeromy Grenard	American Structurepoint
Dorothy Schneider	Lafayette Journal & Courier
Nicole Caan	WLFI-TV
Doug Poad	APC
Melissa Baldwin	APC
John Thomas	APC
Anna Burman	APC

Chairman Jon Fricker called the meeting to order at 2:00p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

Opal Kuhl moved to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2009 meeting as submitted. Bob Foley seconded and the minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

II. ACCESS PERMITS

A. 3961 SR 38 – Tarvin (next to Dairy Queen)

Terri Griffin stated an access permit was submitted for the lot next to Dairy Queen on SR 38. The proposal is to close off what used to be the drive to the lot Dairy Queen occupies and also the drive just to the east of the Dairy Queen drive. A new drive has been proposed at the point of the triangle, on the east side of the property.

Opal Kuhl asked if Dairy Queen is on the triangle.

Terri Griffin replied that Dairy Queen occupies the lot next to this lot.

John Thomas displayed the site plan.

Terri Griffin added that she found an old email where it was stated that the owners of the triangle property would be responsible for closing the old drive.

Dave Buck asked if the cross access will line up between the Dairy Queen and this proposed site.

Terri Griffin answered that the access will not exactly line up across the street.

Dave Buck referred to the drawing, showing where the side access to the two lots is a bit off-line.

Bob Foley concurred.

Dave Buck asked if both lots can be accessed by the proposed drive.

Terri Griffin added that the driveway is being put in to make the lot more marketable.

John Thomas stated the Committee is only dealing with the proposed driveway.

Dave Buck moved to approved the **ACCESS PERMIT for 3961 SR 38**. Bob Foley seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Jennifer Bonner joined the meeting in progress.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE TIP AMENDMENT

Sallie Fahey stated that she can administratively make some TIP amendments, under a policy adopted by this Committee, the Administrative Committee and the APC. One of the circumstances is when the project is for INDOT, using no local MPO funds, and going through the normal process would delay the letting. She went on to say that on February 6th she administratively amended the FY 2009- FY 2013 TIP for five state projects:

1. Resurfacing US 52, west of Montmorenci, from SR 352 to US 231,
2. US 52 bridge over the Norfolk Southern railroad,
3. Pavement markings throughout the area in various locations,
4. Debris removal at various locations, and
5. Resurfacing US 52 from where the prior project ended all the way up to Cumberland Avenue.

The first two projects were already in the TIP for information only. Those projects have now been moved into the constrained funding list.

The adopted policy also requires that she notify the Technical Transportation Committee of any Administrative Amendments to the TIP.

Larry Heil asked if these five projects were already in the TIP.

Sallie Fahey responded that the Hoosier Heartland projects were in under the "mother des#". The US 231 ultra-bond was not previously in the TIP but meets the criteria to be administratively amended into the TIP.

IV. RECOVERY ACT FUNDING Deadlines & Schedules

John Thomas stated staff is starting to get some deadlines for the ARRA funding. There is a meeting scheduled for March 23, 2009 at 9:00am with the local jurisdictions to go over the local list, scheduling and scope of the projects. He does know there is a March 10, 2010 deadline to obligate the money. There is also a February 17, 2012 deadline to complete the projects. Staff has been working with INDOT to come up with an appropriate schedule for the projects on the local ARRA list.

Sallie Fahey announced that staff has set up a county website for ARRA projects for transparency purposes. There is a link on the Tippecanoe County Home Page as well as a link on the APC home web page. Right now there is a link to the act, a link to Indiana's InVest site, a link to the FHWA guidelines, and a link to the INDOT guidelines. The site also includes the ARRA projects that are already in the TIP. Staff will help populate one ARRA county site so that as grants are applied for the projects can be added as "in application". As the grants are awarded the information will added. She invited Lafayette and West Lafayette to add things to the site.

Larry Heil stated that now that INDOT has posted the pavement preservation criteria he encouraged those that have the overlay projects to make sure the projects fall within the criteria to make what has been programmed eligible under those pavement preservation eligibility criteria. He added that there was a right-of-way project in the ARRA list. The guidelines state that right-of-way projects are not eligible.

Sallie Fahey stated the right-of-way projects will be removed from the ARRA list.

John Thomas stated he will email Opal Kuhl, Dave Buck and Jenny Bonner about the pavement preservation criteria.

V. APC PROGRESS REPORT

1. INDOT 18 Month Letting List

Doug Poad referred to the distributed copy of the 18-Month Letting List and stated he is not sure if the first two projects on the list have been let. The third project, scheduled for a January 13, 2009 letting, has been delayed to a March 25, 2009 letting in order to use the stimulus funds. Most of the other projects on the front page are the same except for the four Hoosier Heartland projects that have been administratively amended into the TIP. On the second page, there were some changes in letting dates. He is disappointed that the three US 231 projects, shown on last month's list, are no longer listed. There are no results posted for the four projects listed under the "Special Economic Stimulus Letting".

Opal Kuhl informed the Committee the CR 900 E bridge project will be using the fiber reinforced plastic.. It is the project being done with INDOT and Purdue. Everyone thinks there is a manufacturer that can produce the beams for that deck. She thinks that project will move forward after being pushed back several times.

Dave Buck referred to the US 231 project, from SR 26 to US 52 (the North Leg project) and said he does not see the SR 26 bridge project. He thought that project was on the previous 18 Month Letting List.

Doug Poad agreed. He did not realize that project was removed from the list.

Sallie Fahey feels the bridge project and other South Leg projects were removed from the list because Purdue requested they have at least seven months to prepare utility relocation plans following road construction plan approval. She added that the North Leg will be built before the South Leg.

Dave Buck asked if the entire SR 26 project is now included with the South Leg.

Sallie Fahey answered that she is not sure but that it is possible.

2. US 52 Corridor Study Update

Opal Kuhl brought the Committee up to date based on decisions made during a phone conference. The Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Department will be helping with the speed study as well as counts. APC staff is doing the bulk of the work right now because they are assembling a lot of the data that HNTB needs.

John Thomas stated staff has supplied HNTB with GIS layers of the study area boundary and parcels. Melissa Baldwin has been working on crash reports for the last three years in the study area. Dave Buck

has supplied the materials needed from West Lafayette. Utility information is being gathered but staff is still behind schedule because it is difficult to contact the utility companies. Overall he is pleased with the progress to date.

Sallie Fahey said Ryan O'Gara, APC Assistant Director for Comprehensive and Current Planning, will be the lead staff person for the corridor Land Use Study.

Randy Walter asked what is happening with Wabash Commons.

Dave Buck replied that nothing is happening at this time and added that he will discuss the project with Randy Walter after the meeting.

Mark Albers stated he has some information with regard to the INDOT components of the study that he will pass along after the meeting. He asked if the information should be given to HNTB.

Opal Kuhl and John Thomas suggested the information be sent to HNTB and with copies of the information to the Tippecanoe County Highway Department and APC.

Opal Kuhl suggested also passing along the information from the impact studies that have already been done.

Mark Albers stated INDOT is going back through ten years of impact studies. Many of those studies are not electronic so they have to be scanned in. He feels INDOT will go back through 2002.

Opal Kuhl will be happy to get the impact study on the Menards/Meijer site because she cannot locate her copy. That impact study was used for the signal timing at US 52 and Klondike Road.

Sallie Fahey stated that there is a requirement that the developer pay for a signal at Paramount Drive. She asked if anyone is doing a warrant study to see if it is time to have a signal put in.

Melissa Baldwin replied that INDOT is working on a warrant now.

Mark Albers stated INDOT has asked the developer to provide information. If a signal is warranted INDOT will follow-up.

John Thomas stated traffic counts are coming out for that area now.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. US 231 AGREEMENT


Sallie Fahey informed the Committee that after tonight there will be an agreement on US 231. After tonight all the local parties will have signed the agreement. Late last week Purdue and PRF, through a special meeting of Trustees Executive Committee and the PRF Board, have signed the agreement. The Tippecanoe County Commissioners signed the agreement on Monday and the APC will hear it and authorized the signing at tonight's meeting. All signature pages have been or will be forwarded to Mark Ahearn, INDOT's legal counsel.

Jon Fricker stated the Technical Transportation Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 2:00pm.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Opal Kuhl moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave Buck seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sallie Dell Fahey". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid.

Sallie Dell Fahey
Secretary